

FY2026 NY-510 LOCAL FUNDING COMPETITION



BRIEF OVERVIEW

The Mission of our Continuum of Care

Ithaca/Tompkins CoC NY-510 is a local community planning network of public, private, and non-profit partners with the mission of making homelessness rare, brief, and one-time in Tompkins County.

Through this work, we:

Organize a community-wide effort to prevent and end homelessness

Provide funding and support to non-profit agencies

Promote access to supportive services and housing

HUD Priorities for the FY2026 NOFO

Priority 1	Increase employment income, not government assistance
Priority 2	Partnerships with workforce development centers, childcare, and employers
Priority 3	Increase Transitional Housing and Support Service Only projects
Priority 4	Prevent future returns to homelessness
Priority 5	Reduce unsheltered homelessness
Priority 6	Treatment and Recovery for SUD

Priority 7	PSH for elderly (62+) or disabled community members
Priority 8	Partnerships with police, first responders, and government to reduce encampments
Priority 9	Increasing leverage of other resources
Priority 10	Homeless system exits to unsubsidized housing
Priority 11	Trauma informed care and participant safety
Priority 12	Service Participation Requirements

CHANGES IN THE FY26 NOFO

There are significant changes in this year's NOFO that projects should consider before applying.

Reduction in Annual Renewal Demand (ARD)

HUD reduced Tier 1 from 90% to 60% of ARD, exposing a large portion of renewals to competitive scoring

All projects scored and ranked against each other

All projects — including YHDP renewals and DV Bonus — must be ranked and scored with no carve-outs.

Minimum services requirement for TH projects

New TH projects must require 20 hours/week of services, activities, or employment for participants.



CHANGES IN TIERING IN THE FY26 NOFO

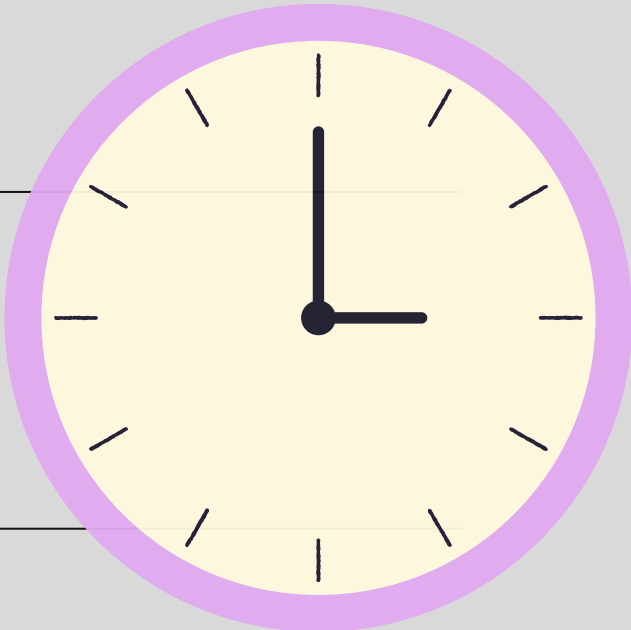
- Tier 1 is 60% of Annual Renewal Demand (ARD)
- Tier 2 is the remaining 40% and the sum of the CoC's ARD, CoC Bonus, and DV Bonus Amount
- HUD selects all projects ranked in Tier 1 that pass after selecting all approved Tier 1 projects, HUD will select projects ranked in Tier 2 following the selection criteria and using an assigned point value for each project based on (1) CoC Merit Score, (2) CoC Project Ranking, and (3) Supportive Service Participation Requirement
- HUD created a \$1.3 billion Tier 2 set-aside exclusively for new projects, with explicit priority for: (1) Transitional Housing (TH) and (2) Supportive Services Only (SSO)
- Renewal projects placed in Tier 2 are unlikely to be funded, regardless of quality.
- Everything except CoC Planning (or UFA costs) is competitive and must be ranked in Tier 1 or Tier 2, including YHDP and DV Bonus
- Projects awarded under the SNOFO that expire in 2027 are eligible to apply for renewal
- Any eligible project types can be included in Tier 1 or 2: Transitional Housing, Rapid Rehousing, Permanent Supportive Housing, HMIS, SSO-CE, SSO-SO, and other SSO
- New minimum and maximum amounts to CoC Bonus
- Significant changes to Selection Criteria



Match: Required for all Projects

- Match = 25% of total grant amount, excluding leasing budget line item
- Cash or In-Kind are eligible match types - cash is recommended (but not required) due to onerous documentation requirements for in-kind.
- Examples of eligible match:
 - In-kind: Recipient/sub-recipient staff provide case management funded by a designated Mental Health agency
 - Cash: Building utilities not covered by CoC grant are paid by recipient agency & funded via private sources
 - In-Kind: Board member provides legal services at no cost
 - In-Kind: FQHC provides outpatient health services to participants
- All match must be used on eligible CoC Program costs, not limited to approved budget line items for project, e.g. even if project does not have supportive services in its CoC budget, may use matching funds to support case management services for project participants

Timeline Overview



June 29th

Local Competition
Opens

July 20th at Noon

Local applications
due

**Week of August
3rd**

Final priority list
review

August 26th

Collaborative
application
due

July 13th

CoC info session

TBD

Esnaps
applications due

August 11th

Notify applicants

What is the FY26 local opportunity?

2 Step Process

Step 1: Local Application

Step 2: E-Snaps Application



**What kind of projects
can I apply for in
2026?**





Application Types

NEW

Not connected to any existing project;
Should be proposed based on local needs and system gaps.
Subject to New Project Evaluation Criteria

NEW | EXPANSION

Adds funds to an existing Renewal project to expand # of units, people served, or services provided.
Subject to New Project Evaluation Criteria

RENEWAL → TRANSITION

Allows renewals to apply as a different project type.
Subject to Renewal Project Evaluation Criteria

RENEWAL

Existing renewals that are applying to renew their project;
May make up to 10% Budget Line shifts.
Subject to Renewal Project Evaluation Criteria

New Project Quality Threshold Criteria	
Project Type	Key Criteria
Transitional Housing (TH) - CoC and DV	Overview: Allows for up to 2 year intervention, generally but not always facility-based. TH's effectiveness is most pronounced as a targeted, time-limited intervention where a "bridge" to long-term stability is a clinical or developmental necessity. Other Information: Demonstrate interest and capacity to serve people fleeing domestic violence; youth and young adults (18-24); individuals in any stage of recovery seeking a sober living environment; aging or medically vulnerable individuals; or other target population; May
Supportive Services Only (SSO)- Standalone - CoC	• Project will leverage other public/private sources and provide services necessary to exit homelessness and increase self-sufficiency for program participants including those who do not traditionally engage
Supportive Services Only (SSO)- Street Outreach - CoC	• In addition to criteria for standalone SSO, applicant must have experience providing outreach services and demonstrate a history of partnering with first responders and law enforcement and will not interfere with enforcement of public camping and drug use laws
Supportive Services Only- Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE) - CoC and DV	• Available and reachable for all in geographic area and a strategy for reaching households with highest needs • Standardized assessment used to ensure participants directed to housing and services that meet their needs
Rapid Rehousing (RRH) - DV	• Project will leverage other public/private sources to provide supportive services • Will require participation in services • Applicant has previously operated a project where employment incomes were improved
CoC Planning	• CoC membership is open and inclusive and there is a written governance charter in place • CoC-wide planning committees • Funds will be compliant with 24 CFR 578.7 and will improve CoCs ability to evaluate CoC and ESG projects

Permanent Supportive Housing (PH-PSH)	Renewal Project Quality Threshold Criteria
Overview: PSH is a non-time-limited, permanent housing subsidy combined with a high level of supportive services. It is a model that is most effective when combined with a Housing First approach and is typically designed for folks with highest needs, long experiences with homelessness and a household member with a disability.	Key Elements: Eligible populations: Categories 1, 2, 4Youth would pay a percentage of their income towards rent for an indefinite periodUnits can be site-based (e.g., lease up a bunch of units in an apartment complex) or be scattered site (e.g., youth choose unit in the community)May be an opportunity to serve youth who are disabled but do not meet chronic homeless definition
Rapid Rehousing (PH-RRH)	
Overview: RRH is a permanent housing program where homeless individuals and families may receive up to 36 months of rental assistance and supportive services, with up to six months of aftercare once the rental assistance ends. Supportive services often focus on income maximization and stability planning. The participant enters into a lease directly with the landlord.	Key Elements:Eligible populations: Categories 1, 2, 4Rental assistance models can be flexible, should align with CoC’s written standards for administering RRHParticipants can choose their own units in the community/private marketWhile it is a time-limited resource, there are no indicators for who will succeed in RRH- it is a resource that can work for anyone
Joint Transitional Housing- Rapid Rehousing (TH-RRH/PH)	
Overview: TH-RRH provides short-term crisis housing for individuals or families who enter the TH portion of the program. It also provides medium/long-term permanent housing for participants who transition directly from TH into RRH or from homelessness into RRH. A participant has a choice of which program they wish to access and both TH and RRH portions must be available. Many youth who have no rental history and/or multiple barriers find the support provided with TH an easier launching padinto permanent housing.	Key Elements:Eligible populations: Categories 1, 2, 4Recipient providing TH can pay for operations of a building they own, or pay for leasing costsTH units can be master leased units, scattered site or host homes.TH can offer an alternative to current shelter options; offer options to youth who have criminal history or no rental historyRRH operates with all the same tenets as a classic RRH program.
Dedicated HMIS Project (HMIS)	
Overview: New dedicated HMIS project costs can only be carried out by the HMIS Lead, which is the Project Applicant or subrecipient HMIS-dedicated funds and that is listed on the HMIS Lead form	Key Elements:HMIS lead is only eligible applicantSupports creation and maintenance of CoC-wide HMIS system
Coordinated Entry- Supportive Services Only (SSO-CE)	
Overview: SSO-CE projects are used to develop or operate a Coordinated Entry system. SSOs are a project type where CoC funds only pay for services, not housing assistance. Examples are outreach services, diversion services, drop-in centers, and community-wide or specific partnerships between services.	Key Elements:Eligible populations: Categories 1, 2, 4Outreach services identify individuals and families experiencing unsheltered homelessness and help them access crisis and long-term housingDiversion offers services that help youth find alternate solutions to shelter/crisis housing or other housing

Applicant Checklist

- Get to know and love E-snaps
- UEI and SAM.GOV Registration Active and Current
- Read the NOFO and Local Materials
- Collect data. Gather existing partnership agreements and MOUs

How to Apply

Coc NOFO information

New Project Application Form

Renewal Project Application Form

THANK YOU!

Please be sure to join us on Monday, July 13th for an
in depth review of the NOFO competition



Feel free to send along questions to lbargar@hsctc.org or nscollard@hsctc.org